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By keeping constantly in mind the reason for this exception to the rule, namely, public policy, the author is enabled to sift the many contradictory cases and make a broad and level road through the debatable territory.

Pleadings, Evidence, Damages, each have chapters devoted to them. In short, this may be called a compendium of all useful knowledge on this branch of law. This edition has been enlarged by sections upon "restraint of libels by injunction," "publication by telegrams, postal cards, etc.," and the progress of the law has been followed, the decisions since the first edition being cited.

Counsellor Newell has prepared a standard work, his thoroughness and attention to all the minutia of his subject are not excelled. He is not content with citing cases, leaving to the practitioner the labor of looking to see if they have any bearing on the text, but has carefully digested a great number of cases, arranged so as to prove from the very fountain of the law, what the law is. These cases are systematically arranged, so that they can be referred to without first looking over the entire book to find out where each one is. As a digest alone, it is invaluable.

One lack about the book makes it pre-eminently of value to the practitioner; it is a plain statement of the Law. Mr. Newell does not try to do missionary work and to bring others to his private opinions, by advancing theories and attempting to show that courts and counsellors have erred from the beginning, and that the full truth has been revealed to him alone. This fault, so common in our modern so-called law books, but happily altogether wanting in this work, makes them almost worthless, save as curious exhibitions of mental gymnastics.

Lastly, the work of the proof-reader is especially to be commended. If one is to judge by the appearance of most of the volumes bound in law calf, called law books, and perpetrated upon a long suffering public, proof reading has lately gone altogether out of fashion. After the eyes have been offended, and the patience exhausted in reading such books, a glance at the attractive page and correctness of text in "Newell on Slander and Libel" is a relief, indeed.

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY LAW OF 1898. With Marginal Notes and Index. Washington: Washington Law Book Co. 1898.

WAR REVENUE LAW OF 1898. With Index. Washington: Washington Law Book Co. 1898.

The importance of having small and complete copies of the War Revenue and Bankrupt Laws close at hand is apparent. These two pamphlets, published by the Washington Law Book Company, are printed in convenient form and are well indexed. The Bankrupt Law pamphlet contains excellent marginal side-notes, or "headings," prepared by E. C. Brandenburg, Esq., of the Department of Justice, Washington.